

## **REMARKS**

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-13, 17-21, 23, 25, 27, 29-30, 32-49, 52-59, and 62-64.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

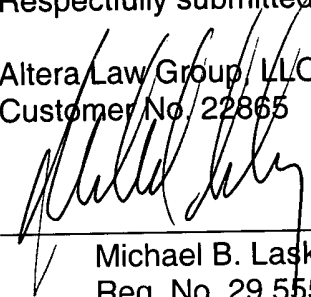
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 253-4106.

Respectfully submitted,

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